

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FINANCE, WAYS, & MEANS COMMITTEE

November 13, 2008; 4:30 P.M.

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Present: Commissioners Tommy Jones, Eric Owen, Earl Wright, James H. Westbrook, Jr., Roger Stewart and Dick Phebus.

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Absent: None.

The Finance, Ways, & Means Committee met on Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. at the Weakley County Board of Education/Department of Finance in the board room. Others present included Shawn Francisco - Director of Finance, Marci Floyd-Trustee, Gail Rogers – Office on Aging Director, Richard Barber – Director of Schools, Pam Belew – Circuit Court Clerk, and Jeff Lannom – Ag Extension Director

Chairman Dick Phebus called the meeting to order.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to approve the September 11, 2008 minutes and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

0809-02 Transfer

The transfer previously passed the HEED Committee. Transfer \$300 from .399 (Other Contracted Services) to .499 (Other Supplies) for the Office on Aging to purchase two exercise bikes from health promotion money that was budgeted in the contracted services line item. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to approve the transfer and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion passed unanimously.

0809-03 Transfer

The transfer previously passed the HEED Committee. Transfer \$1,000 from .193 (Election Workers) to .168 (Temporary Personnel). Heavy registration prior to the election caused an increase of work on all files and the additional funds will ensure part-time help. Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve the transfer and with a second by Chairman Phebus the motion passed unanimously

Resolution 2009-12

The resolution authorizes additional revenue and transfers to the School Federal Projects Fund whereas the Federal Projects Preschool Grant has been awarded additional Preschool bonus funds and now reflects total federal allocations for each project and must include all previous carryover funds in the current project budget. Recent changes in the interpretation of the regulations of No Child Left Behind, regarding the use of Consolidated Administration, require that at least some monies from each of the projects consolidated must be included. Commissioner Wright made the motion to approve Resolution 2009-12 and with a second by Commissioner Stewart the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2009-13

The resolution previously passed the HEED Committee and the School Board. This resolution raises local revenues to meet state requirements, the Connect TN payment (\$23,436), one-time bonus (\$124,481), Adult Basic Education (\$2,160). There is a reduction in the School Act (\$200), while additional Special Education funds for High Cost Students is budgeted. Safe School Act is revised to reflect new budget allocation and needed changes in expenditures and additional ABE revenues are to be received and budgeted. Commissioner Stewart questioned how \$67,000 was derived as an increase in sales tax. Director of Schools of Richard Barber responded that they looked back at last year's budget and if the money is not used, it will go back to fund balance. Commissioner Owen made the motion to approve Resolution 2009-13 and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2009-14

The resolution previously passed the HEED Committee. This resolution budgets additional revenue received from the Arts Build Communities through Northwest Tennessee Development District and the Tennessee Arts Commission to the Weakley County Office on Aging/Dresden Senior Center a \$500 arts grant, with no local match, to contract with an art professional for the teaching of an art class at the Weakley County Office on Aging /Dresden Senior Center. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to approve Resolution 2009-14 and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2009-15

The resolution previously passed the Public Safety Committee. This resolution budgets a \$5,000 Highway Safety Grant, with no local match, from the State of Tennessee for the Weakley County Sheriff's Department to purchase vehicle in-car video equipment, DUI checkpoint supplies, and other law enforcement equipment. Discussion followed Commissioner Westbrook's question regarding whether other law enforcement includes radar guns. Commissioner Stewart made the motion to approve Resolution 2009-15 and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2009-16

The resolution previously passed the Public Safety Committee. This resolution authorizes Weakley County Government to enter into a contract with the State of Tennessee Office of Criminal Justice Programs for the provisions of providing treatment services for the Benton County Drug Court Program of the 24th Judicial District to ensure that those ten participants complete the program. The grant period is September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. Commissioner Wright made the motion to approve Resolution 2009-16 and with a second by Commissioner Owen the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2009-17

The resolution previously passed the HEED Committee. This resolution authorizes an increase in Salary Supplements for the Weakley County Agriculture Extension Program. The Agriculture Extension Program receives funding from the University of Tennessee and these positions and salaries are determined by the University of Tennessee. These employees received a \$400 one-time bonus in July 2008 after the budget was established and thus these funds were not budgeted. Commissioner Owen made the motion to approve Resolution 2009-17 and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the motion passed unanimously.

Director of Finance Shawn Francisco passed out information on variable rate debt for each commissioner.

Commissioner Owen made a motion to adjourn at 4:45 p.m. and with a second by Chairman Phebus the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Recording Secretary
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Approved:

Richard Phebus, Chairman
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Date: _____